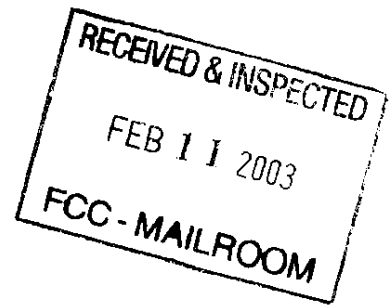


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To: Chairman Michael K. Powell
 Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
 Commissioner Michael J. Copps
 Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
 Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

The purpose of this letter is ask that you end the wholesaling of telephone company equipment that currently forces local phone companies to give their businesses away to competitors. I agree that competition should be encouraged in our society. I do, however, believe that no company should be allowed to step on another or be given a free ride at the expense of companies that have worked diligently and invested prodigiously in the development, maintenance and advancement of their industry.

My father spent 42 years as a technical worker in the telecommunications business. His retirement income and stock investments come from the industry. My husband and I each spent twenty-two years of our lives working to build up the business that is now known as SBC. We dedicated ourselves to improving the business that provides our retirement funds and largest financial investments. We know that SBC is a sound company of hard-working individuals who, like ourselves, feel a responsibility and loyalty to the business that we helped grow and retain.

And now we feel as if we are being sucked into the same gaping financial hole that the ENRON employees plummeted into. In the case of the ENRON employees, internal improprieties destroyed their investments. We are victims of the pillaging of our company by bureaucratic rules that are mislabeled "fairness," or "level playing field." We need to support the companies whose efforts have consistently contributed to the strength of our country, not force them to **give away** their business assets.

Please end the wholesaling of telephone company equipment before the local phone companies are cannibalized. It is critical in these times of uncertainty and financial devastation that we retain the viable, time-tested companies of our nation.

Sincerely,

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